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Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A battery release mechanism for releasably securing a battery to a power
tool is disclosed. The battery release mechanism includes a battery receiving portion
integral with a handle portion of the power tool and an attachment portion integral with
the battery. The attachment portion is configured to engage the battery receiving
portion. The battery release mechanism also includes a closure member that is operable
with and transversely disposed within the battery receiving portion. The closure
member is configured to secure the battery within the battery receiving portion when the
closure member is in a "lock" position. The closure member has a first end and a
10 second end opposite the first end. The first end is disposed through a side wall of the
tool housing and defines a push button for selectively moving the closure member from
the "lock" position to a "release" position. When the closure member is in the "release"
position, the battery can be removed from the power tool. A method of releasably
securing a battery to a power tool is also disclosed.

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